



PonderosaTelephone

July 1, 2014

Via ECFS:

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90 & 11-42 Annual §54.313/54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is the annual report for The Ponderosa Telephone Co., Study Area Code 542332 pursuant to §54.313/54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions at:

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Sincerely,

E. L. Silkwood
Chairman

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	542332
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)				
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<410>	Fixed	0.257	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

542332ca112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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(800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.
<811>	Holding Company	Ponderosa Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Table Mountain Rancheria of California,
Cold Spring Rancheria of Mono Indians,
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California,
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians


<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

542332ca920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes, No, NA)
Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G) ☐

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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542332ca1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.goponderosa.com/regulatory.html>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)}
 <2011> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)}

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Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

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Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒ ☒
(Yes/No) ☒ ☒

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☒
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

542332ca3017.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No) ☐ ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: THE PONDEROSA TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 07/01/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kristann Mattes	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5598686346 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 542332	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2014
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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Form 481, Section 100 Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Sub-Section 112 Narrative

**FCC 5 Year Plan Narrative
2015-2019**

Company Overview

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. (Ponderosa) provides dial tone and broadband service to approximately 10,407 customer locations in eight exchanges in California. The company serves a total of 7,976 voice lines including 4,709 broadband services and 656 special access circuits. Ponderosa's 4,000 square mile footprint covers a wide range of geography ranging from the high desert of the Mojave to over 10,000 feet in the high country of the Sierra Nevada, with customers locations over 8,000 feet. Seven of the eight exchanges cover 1,700 square miles in the central Sierra Nevada, within Fresno and Madera counties, not far from Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. The majority of Ponderosa's subscribers are located in the Friant Wire Center seven exchanges which include Auberry, Big Creek, Friant, North Fork, O'Neals, Shaver Lake and Wishon. In addition, Ponderosa serves 74 customer locations and 62 voice lines in Cima, a 2,300 square mile Wire Center in the High Desert region of eastern San Bernardino County, predominantly indwellers within the Mojave National Preserve and National Park Service facilities. The majority of Ponderosa's subscribers are served via copper distribution from fiber fed nodes. A small portion of the subscribers in the northern exchanges are served via copper distribution from microwave fed nodes. The majority of the Cima customers are served via microwave fed nodes, with the exception of a copper cable route in the small community of Cima. No Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are serving the Cima Wire Center at this time.

Customer Demand and Network Evolution

There continues to be an ever growing demand for increased broadband availability and broadband speeds throughout Ponderosa's territory, including the most remote locations. Ponderosa recognizes that the demand for higher broadband speeds will only increase with time and therefore has structured its five year plan in order to stay ahead of this demand. In addition, there are several areas in Ponderosa's territory where there is projected population growth due to planned development. This is especially the case in areas located not far from the cities of Fresno and Madera. There are also several new subdivisions being built in and around the Shaver Lake community in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Finally, there is the potential for future development in the north eastern portion of the Cima exchange where plans for the expansion of the Las Vegas (McCarran) Airport in the vicinity of Jean, Nevada, could bring additional development and population to these areas. Ponderosa has planned its network in such a way as to be prepared for these known areas of potential growth.

In the past decade, Ponderosa has focused on expanding its fiber backbone network and installing distribution nodes to shorten loop lengths to a maximum of

12,000 feet based upon annual review of a fundamental five year CSA, broadband and transport plan. Currently, about 90% of Ponderosa's distribution nodes are fiber fed allowing Ponderosa to provide high speed broadband access to most of its subscribers. Ponderosa continues to build new sites to achieve the stated maximum loop lengths as well as upgrading existing nodes from legacy equipment to modern state of the art technology to support the maximum speeds possible from these distances. A large portion of the next five years is dedicated to meeting this challenge. Ponderosa is also currently working with developers and home builders to build Fiber-To-The Home (FTTH) facilities in new subdivisions. And will undertake several brownfield FTTH projects replacing aging copper plant in higher density subdivisions within this five year plan.

In addition, Ponderosa continues to push out its fiber network to some of its more remote locations, as well as provide alternate fiber paths to the existing fiber backbone for greater network redundancy and reliability.

There are some areas in the network where it has not been feasible to reach with fiber. In the past, Ponderosa has relied on microwave backhaul to reach these locations. With the assistance of state grants, Ponderosa has been able to secure the resources to get fiber to some of these locations. In other areas, Ponderosa looks to invest in upgrading its microwave backhaul equipment to increase the bandwidth capabilities to these remote sites.

5 Year Plan Project Management

The bulk of Ponderosa's 5-year plan can be summarized into five main components: Upgrading legacy copper and microwave backhaul infrastructure with either fiber or higher capacity IP radios; extending the outer reaches of the fiber network to make high speed broadband and reliable voice services accessible in Ponderosa's most remote territory; adding additional fiber to our network for redundancy and protection; adding additional nodes within the network to shorten loop lengths for increased broadband speeds and reliable voice services; and upgrading existing distribution node equipment to current technology to support higher broadband speeds and greater capacity for IP traffic backhaul.

Balancing the priorities of a network plan is a difficult task which requires forethought and strategic planning. In Ponderosa's case, the first priority is to complete those projects which rely on grant funds and are on a set time schedule. These include projects that extend our fiber to reach areas previously not served or previously only served by microwave.

Concurrent with these projects will be the ongoing effort to upgrade existing distribution nodes to current technology. Ponderosa has followed a very aggressive schedule to rapidly complete the migration of all sites currently on older technology to current technology capable of greatly enhancing the broadband speed and quality of our broadband and voice services with existing OSP facilities. The majority of these upgrades will occur in the first two years of the five-year plan with the intent of completing this task by the end of the five years. In most cases, broadband speeds can be further enhanced with the use of pair bonding. Ponderosa has also identified

strategic areas for overbuilding existing copper fed serving areas with fiber to provide a fiber to the home service while utilizing the existing copper network for line powering purposes.

In addition to upgrading existing nodes, Ponderosa will add new nodes to the existing fiber network in strategic locations to shorten loop lengths and provide broadband at high speeds to areas where broadband is either not available or only offered at limited speeds.

Finally, Ponderosa will add fiber to its network to support the addition of these new nodes while also creating alternate fiber paths for network redundancy and protection.

The end result of these projects will enhance Ponderosa's network by providing faster broadband to more locations and more reliable voice services. Currently, 75% of locations within Ponderosa's territory are capable of a minimum 6 mbps/1.5 mbps with a maximum capacity of 12.0/1.5. These projects will allow Ponderosa to increase its broadband capacity to a minimum of 6mbps/1.5 mbps to nearly 100% of its subscribers as well as increasing the maximum speed potential in some areas. In addition, remote areas within Ponderosa's territory where it is not possible to get service today will now be servable at a minimum of the same speeds of 6mbps/1.5 down. Finally, Ponderosa will have a much more robust network with multiple fiber rings for redundancy and growth opportunity. While the new investment in the Cima Wire Center in Southern California will provision the majority of the customers with broadband distribution plant capability and will improve the quality and reliability of the voice network, Cima continues to wait for an Internet Service Provider (ISP) who is willing to provide service to this extremely remote area with the limited availability and high cost of middle mile transport facilities.

**5 Year Plan for routine and general support expenditures for all Wire Centers.
Total Investment: \$4,875,000.**

- \$300,000 per year reserved for routine service related OSP construction;
- \$100,000 per year reserved for routine service drop installation and replacement;
- \$100,000 per year reserved for routine CO equipment additions;
- \$100,000 per year reserved for to purchase broadband loop carrier cards of a routine nature;
- \$50,000 per year reserved for the addition and replacement of heating and cooling units.
- \$50,000 per year for years 2015-2017 reserved for replacement/upgrade of fire alarm and fire suppression equipment;
- 20,000 per year reserved for the purchase of test equipment for OSP and COE technicians;
- \$75,000 per year reserved for annual PC replacements/upgrades.
- \$100,000 per year reserved for general purpose computer equipment and software.
- \$100,000 per year is reserved for vehicle replacement.

Highlight of Key Activities By Wire Center

Friant Wire Center:

2015 Total Investment \$3,389,323

Fiber Investment - \$2,054,323: Seven fiber projects including six fiber backhaul projects upgrading existing deteriorated copper facilities to provide reliable voice services, including enhanced 911, and a robust, reliable, high capacity, scalable broadband network with greater capacity for IP traffic backhaul to areas that have had limited broadband availability, totaling 85.1 Kft. Three of the projects will also be part of a fiber protection ring for additional reliability. One Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) project to a previously unserved area allowing for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhanced 911 service, totaling 23.5 Kft.

186 square miles and a population of 2616 impacted.

Broadband Aggregation Investment - \$170,000: One project replacing existing end-of-life Cisco 7206 routers with new routers to aggregate broadband traffic across the Friant Wire Center network. The new routers will improve the routing and management of all broadband traffic in the network.

1725 square miles and a population of 10289 impacted.

Microwave Radio Backhaul - \$721,000: Two projects replacing end-of-life microwave radios that have limited capacity with current technology IP radios and support facilities to provide higher backhaul capacities, higher broadband speeds and scalability.

1165 square miles and a population of 3308 impacted.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$391,000: Six projects to upgrade existing DLC sites with current broadband loop carrier technology to provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

21 square miles and a population of 407 impacted.

Install New BLC Sites - \$53,000: Two projects to install current broadband loop carrier technology sites to reduce local loop lengths, provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and more reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

9 square miles and a population of 99 impacted.

2016 Total Investment \$3,173,901

Fiber Investment - \$1,972,795: Five fiber projects including four fiber backhaul projects upgrading existing deteriorated copper facilities to provide reliable voice services, including enhanced 911, and a robust, reliable, high capacity, scalable broadband network with greater capacity for IP traffic backhaul, totaling 110.85 Kft. Two of the projects will also be part of a fiber protection ring for additional reliability. One Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) project replacing unreliable aging copper distribution facilities with fiber allowing for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhanced 911, totaling 15.83 Kft.

1158 square miles and a population of 3937 impacted.

Microwave Radio Backhaul - \$160,000: One project replacing end-of-life microwave radios that have limited capacity with current technology IP radios and support facilities to provide higher backhaul capacities, higher broadband speeds and scalability.

1148 square miles and a population of 3254 impacted.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$915,106: Fifteen projects to upgrade existing DLC sites with current broadband loop carrier technology to provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

55 square miles and a population of 695 impacted.

Install New BLC Sites - \$126,000: Three projects to install current broadband loop carrier technology sites to reduce local loop lengths, provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and more reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

2 square miles and a population of 77 impacted.

2017 Total Investment \$2,290,000

Fiber Investment - \$2,290,000: Four fiber projects including one fiber backbone project enhancing a fiber protection ring to the world for additional reliability and greater capacity for IP traffic backhaul, totaling 25.6 Kft. One fiber backhaul project developing a new fiber protection ring providing additional reliability, higher bandwidth, and protection for broadband and voice services for several CSA's, totaling 1.95 Kft. Two Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) projects

replacing aging unreliable copper distribution facilities with fiber allowing for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhanced 911, totaling 30.66 Kft.

1726 square miles and a population of 10289 impacted.

2018 Total Investment \$3,028,882

Fiber Investment - \$2,179,967: Four fiber projects including two fiber backhaul projects upgrading existing deteriorated copper facilities to provide reliable voice services, including enhanced 911, and a robust, reliable, high capacity, scalable broadband network with greater capacity for IP traffic backhaul, totaling 39.4 Kft. These projects will also be part of a fiber protection ring for additional reliability. Two Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) projects replacing aging unreliable copper distribution facilities with fiber allowing for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhance 911, totaling 54.9 Kft.

24.50 square miles and a population of 514 impacted.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$716,915: Twenty Five projects to upgrade existing DLC sites with current broadband loop carrier technology to provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

235 square miles and a population of 4690 impacted.

Install New BLC Sites - \$132,000: Two projects install current broadband loop carrier technology sites to reduce local loop lengths, provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and more reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

4 square miles and a population of 36 impacted.

2019 Total Investment \$4,219,074

Fiber Investment - \$3,858,080: Two fiber projects including one fiber backhaul project supplementing and enhancing an existing microwave route to provide reliable voice services, including enhanced 911, and a robust, reliable, high capacity, scalable broadband network with greater capacity and protection for IP traffic backhaul, totaling 83.95 Kft. One Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) project replacing aging unreliable copper distribution facilities with fiber allowing for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhanced 911, totaling 17.89 Kft.

18.35 square miles and a population of 577 impacted.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$280,994: Eight projects to upgrade existing DLC sites with current broadband loop carrier technology to provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

18 square miles and a population of 540 impacted.

Install New BLC Site - \$80,000: One project to install current broadband loop carrier technology sites to reduce local loop lengths provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and more reliable broadband and voice services to our customers.

.54 square miles and a population of 27 impacted.

Cima Wire Center:

2015 Total Investment \$0

2016 Total Investment \$0

2017 Total Investment \$1,820,000

Fiber / Copper Investment - \$850,000:

The exchange will see the addition of 128 KFT of backbone fiber in the Ivanpah area with an additional 69 KFT of copper distribution plant from five new broadband loop carriers in a Fiber-To-The-Node (FTTN) configuration replacing existing BETRS radio services that have reached end of life. This project will allow for a scalable, reliable, high speed broadband and voice network, including enhanced 911.

67.82 square miles and a population of 9 impacted.

Microwave Radio Backhaul - \$275,000:

Installation of a 150 Mb IP microwave radio will establish the backhaul route for new BLC sites

67.82 square miles and a population of 9 impacted.

Install New BLC Sites - \$125,000: Five projects install current broadband loop carrier technology sites with solar power to reduce local loop lengths, provide scalability, support future broadband distribution, and to provide more reliable voice services to our customers.

67.82 square miles and a population of 9 impacted.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$570,000: Seven projects to upgrade existing DLC sites with current broadband loop carrier technology to provide scalability, higher broadband speeds, and more reliable voice services to our customers.

310.79 square miles and a population of 62 impacted.

2018 Total Investment \$0

2019 Total Investment \$0

Form 481, Section 300 Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)
Sub-Section 310 Detail on Attempts

Two requests for voice service are held in the Cima Exchange waiting on a Mohave National Preserve ("MNP") Permit. Ponderosa applied for a special use permit with the Mojave National Preserve on July 14, 2011. Ponderosa received a response from MNP on September 29, 2011 requesting an application fee. Ponderosa and MNP staff met in January 2012 to discuss the project which included making payment of the application fee, providing original signed application and revised drawings reflecting new NPS parcels acquired during the application period.

On November 12, 2012, Ponderosa made inquiry by e-mail as to the status of Ponderosa's application for permit. Response received on November 15, 2012 from MNP stating that no decision had yet been made regarding the application. On May 6, 2013 requested update status from MNP. Received response July 8, 2013 that San Bernardino county was due to hand over roads to NPS in summer and that they were working with FHA on safety improvements to the road. Once they had design plans, they would have a better idea of the project and would be in touch with us regarding our permit application.

Update: The roads in question have been deeded to NPS. Ponderosa contacted Mojave National Preserve on May 15, 2014 again regarding status of our application. Ponderosa received response from NPS on June 6, 2014 stating that in order to move forward with their review, NPS would need a metes and bounds survey of the route. Ponderosa responded to NPS on June 23, 2014 requesting that in lieu of a survey could GPS's shapefiles be provided instead. To this request, Ponderosa received no immediate response. Subsequently, NPS has requested an all party conference call be arranged to discuss the matter. A date for the conference call has not yet been scheduled.

A third request for voice/broadband service is being held in the remote exchange of Big Creek, located in a subdivision where there has never been telephone service, and where there is no commercial power. The required line extension is estimated to be long and difficult to achieve. In the process of caring for this service order request, Ponderosa has been authorized funding pursuant the CASF grant process. With this program's support it is estimated that construction will begin for this service request in 2015.

Form 481, Section 300 Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)
Sub-Section 320 Detail on Attempts

One request for voice/broadband service is being held in the remote exchange of Big Creek, located in a subdivision where there has never been telephone service, and where there is no commercial power. The required line extension is estimated to be long and difficult to achieve. In the process of caring for this service order request, Ponderosa has been authorized funding pursuant the CASF grant process. With this program's support it is estimated that construction will begin for this service request in 2015.

Form 481, Section 500 Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance
Sub-Section 510 Narrative (Voice)

Service Quality Standards

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa") is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers and makes every reasonable effort to comply with applicable service quality standards in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission, General Order 133-C. Ponderosa provides reports and raw data to the California PUC on a quarterly basis as required by G.O. 133-C and has not had to file any corrective action reports.

Consumer Protection

Ponderosa complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") Red Flag Rules 16 C.F.R. §681 to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. Ponderosa has not experienced any CPNI breaches in the year ending 2013.

Ponderosa also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Ponderosa offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. The tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Ponderosa keeps its tariffs available for public inspection at its business offices.

Form 481, Section 500 Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance
Sub-Section 510 Narrative (Broadband)

Service Quality Standards

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa"), is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers and makes every reasonable effort to comply with applicable service quality standards in accordance with State and Federal Rules.

Consumer Protection

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Ponderosa is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules.

Ponderosa also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Ponderosa offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers ("ISP"). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA's website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Form 481, Section 600 Functionality in Emergency Situations
Sub-Section 610 Narrative (Voice)

Back-up Power

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has the following back-up power capabilities:

- a. Switches – stand alone and/or host
 - i. "Friant" Central Office: 125 KW Diesel Generator, 250 gallon capacity, 3 hours, 8 hour back-up battery
 - ii. "Cima" Central Office: 45KW Propane Generator, 500 gallon capacity

- b. Subscriber carrier (DLC, AFC, OPM, etc.)

	EXCH	LOCATION	SITE	GEN KW	FUEL / Type	FUEL CAPACITY	Estimated Run Time (Hrs)	Estimated Battery Reserve (Hrs)
1	ABRY	AUBERRY CO	ABRY	85	Diesel	250	87	8
2	FRNT	FRIANT CO	FRNTCAXFDS0	125	Diesel	250	42	8
3	ONLS	O'NEALS CO	ONLS	150	Diesel	250	42	8
4	SVLK	SHAVER LAKE CO	SVLK	155	Diesel	500	84	8
5	ABRY	BURROUGH VALLEY	BRVL	20	Propane	500	250	8
6	ABRY	MEADOW LAKES	MDLK	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
7	ABRY	PRATHER	PRAT	11	Propane	50	34	8
8	ABRY	SIERRA HIGH	SRHS	11	Propane	50	34	8
9	ABRY	SIERRA ELEMENTARY	SRLM	11	Propane	50	34	8
10	BGCK	BIG CREEK CO	BGCK	29	Propane	250	125	8
11	CIMA	CIMA CO	CIMACAXFDS0	45	Propane	500	167	8
12	FRNT	TABLE MOUNTAIN	TMTN	8.5	Propane	50	50	8
13	NFRK	CASCADEL	CSDL	11	Propane	50	34	8
14	NFRK	GOAT MTN	GMTN	130	Propane	1000	250	8
15	NFRK	NORTH FORK CO	NFRK	45	Propane	250	84	8
16	ONLS	MERCER MT	MRMT	45	Propane	250	84	8
17	SVLK	BRETZ MOUNTAIN	BRMT	25	Propane	Metered	N/A	8
18	SVLK	EXCHEQUER	EXCK	2.5	Propane	500	250	8
19	SVLK	MUSICK MTN	MUSK	60	Propane	2000	500	8
20	SVLK	WILDFLOWER #1	WDFC	11	Propane	Metered	N/A	8
21	ABRY	ALDER SPRINGS	ALSP	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
22	ABRY	BEAL FIRE ROAD	BLFR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8

	EXCH	LOCATION	SITE	GEN KW	FUEL / Type	FUEL CAPACITY	Estimat ed Run Time (Hrs)	Estimat ed Battery Reserve (Hrs)
	ABRY	ACORN	ACRN	LINE PWR FROM BLFR	H Fuel Cell @ BLFR	6CYL	72	8
23	ABRY	COUNTRY OAK LANE	CNTK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
24	ABRY	HIDDEN HOLLOW	HHLW	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
25	ABRY	JOSE BASIN	JSBS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
26	ABRY	LOCKWOOD LANE	LKWD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
	ABRY	LOWER BEAL	LBFR	LINE PWR FROM BLFR	H Fuel Cell@ BLFR	6 CYL	72	8
27	ABRY	LYNX LANE	LYNX	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
28	ABRY	MEDFORD	MFRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
29	ABRY	MORGAN CANYON	MGCN	1.2	H Fuel Cell	12 CYL	72	8
30	ABRY	POWERHOUSE # 3	PWHS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
31	ABRY	SYCAMORE	SCMR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
32	ABRY	SEMINOLE	SMNL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
33	ABRY	SPEARHEAD	SPHD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
34	ABRY	TRIMMER	TRMR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
35	ABRY	WISH-IAH	WSHH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
36	ABRY	WATTS VALLEY	WTVL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
37	BGCK	SIERRA SUMMIT	SSMT	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
38	BGCK	TAMARACK ESTATES	TMRK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
39	FRNT	HIDDEN LAKES	HDLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
40	FRNT	LONESTAR	LNST	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
41	FRNT	LOST LAKE	LTLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
42	FRNT	SKY HARBOUR	SKHB	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
43	FRNT	TWENTY-TWO MILE HSE	TTMH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
44	NFRK	CORRINE LAKE	CRK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
45	NFRK	DOUGLAS STATION	DSTN	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
46	NFRK	INDIAN CREEK	INCK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
47	NFRK	KELLER	KLLR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
48	NFRK	KERCKOFF	KRCK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
49	NFRK	MARINA VIEW	MNVW	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
50	NFRK	NORTH FORK TECH CENTER	NFTC	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
51	NFRK	REDINGER LAKE	RDLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
52	NFRK	TEAFORD	TFRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
53	NFRK	THUNDER WAY	THND	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
54	ONLS	BLACKHAWK	BLKH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
55	ONLS	BUTTERFIELD	BTFD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
56	ONLS	GRAHAM	GRHM	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8

57	ONLS	RED TAIL	RDTL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
58	ONLS	RYAN RANCH	RRCH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
59	ONLS	SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL	SPVS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
60	ONLS	VORTAC-FAA	VRTC	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
61	SVLK	WOODLAND LANE	WDLN	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
62	ABRY	BIG SANDY	BGSD	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
63	ABRY	BALD MOUNTAIN	BLMT	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
64	ABRY	BURROUGH VALLEY N.	BRVN	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
65	ABRY	CALKINS ROAD	CLKN	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
66	ABRY	CANAL ROAD	CNRD	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
67	ABRY	MARSHALL STATION	MSTN	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
68	ABRY	OLD RANCH PARK	OLDR	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
69	ABRY	ROCKHILL	RKHL	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
70	ABRY	SILVER OAK	SLVR	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
71	ABRY	SPREADING OAK NORTH	SPRD	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
72	ABRY	TOLLHOUSE	TLHS	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
73	ABRY	TERESA SPRINGS	TRSP	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
74	ABRY	WEIMILLER ROAD	WMLR	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
75	BGCK	LAKESHORE	LASH	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
76	BGCK	SUNSET POINT	SSPT	N/A	Passive	N/A	N/A	N/A
77	FRNT	BELLVIEW	BLVW	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
78	FRNT	BONADELLE WEST	BNDW	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
79	FRNT	MIRABELLA	MRBL	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
80	NFRK	BASS LAKE ANNEX	BLKA	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
81	NFRK	BASS FORK	BSFK	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
82	NFRK	MARANANTHA	MNTH	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
83	NFRK	OLD TOWN	OLDT	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
84	NFRK	SIERRA HIGHLAND	SLND	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
85	NFRK	WILCOX ROAD	WLX	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
86	NFRK	WILEY RANCH	WLRH	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
87	ONLS	BLUEBIRD WAY	BBRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
88	ONLS	EXPERIMENTAL RANGE	EXPR	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
89	ONLS	FINEGOLD BRIDGE	FGBR	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
90	ONLS	MINARETS HIGH SCH,	MNHS	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
91	ONLS	SPRING VALLEY	SPVL	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
92	SVLK	CRESSMAN	CRES	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
93	SVLK	LOWER CRESSMAN	LCRS		Site PENDING			
94	SVLK	LOWER PETERSON ROAD	LPRD	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
95	SVLK	PINERIDGE	PNRG	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
96	SVLK	SHAVER POINT	SVPT	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8

	EXCH	LOCATION	SITE	GEN KW	FUEL / Type	FUEL CAPACITY	Estimat ed Run Time (Hrs)	Estimat ed Battery Reserve (Hrs)
97	SVLK	SHAVER SPRINGS	SVSP	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
98	CIMA	FOURTH OF JULY CANYON	FJLY	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
99	CIMA	FENNER/ESSEX	FNNR	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
100	CIMA	HOLE N THE WALL	HWLL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
101	CIMA	MIDHILLS	MDHL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
102	CIMA	MITCHELL CAVERNS	MTCH	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
103	CIMA	ROUND VALLEY	RDVL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
104	NFRK	LIONS POINT	LNPT	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
105	SVLK	HOGUE APPLE RANCH	HGRH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	240
106	SVLK	KINSMAN	KSMN	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
107	SVLK	MINARETS WORK STATION	MNRT	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240

c. Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

- i. Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 10,470 customer locations with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered at the Central Office.
- ii. Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 11 customer locations with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customers' NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 8 hours with constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has built fiber optic ring redundant facilities between its exchanges (ONLS/FRNT/NFRK/ABTY/SVLK), redundant radio facilities to Big Creek, and fiber ring facilities between Ponderosa, connecting carriers, and toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between The Ponderosa Telephone Co. and connecting carriers, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 11,435 customer lines, switching capacity of 20,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 863 simultaneous calls from the FRNT CO; 158 customer lines, switching capacity of 10,000 calls and transport capacity for 18 simultaneous calls from the CIMA CO. The Ponderosa Telephone Co. is capable of managing traffic spikes within its own network resulting from emergency situations.

Form 481, Section 600 Functionality in Emergency Situations
Sub-Section 610 Narrative (Broadband)

The Ponderosa broadband network DSLAM's are connected via a fiber ring topology. In most cases the transport traffic path is diverse and at a minimum there is card redundancy in the electronics in the event of a fiber cut or electronic card failure. The network is self-powered and can withstand on average a commercial power outage of 12 hours. Bandwidth out of the wire center is diverse and currently can accommodate up to 2 Gbps of peak internet traffic. This network could withstand a power outage, electronic failure and fiber cut.

Form 481, Section 900 Tribal Lands Reporting
Sub-Sections 920 – 923 Tribal Government Engagement
Obligation

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has written to each of the chairperson(s) that represent the Tribal entities located in Ponderosa serving area, requesting a meeting to discuss how Ponderosa could better service the Tribe's telecommunications needs. After receiving no response, follow-up letters were sent to each of the Tribal chairperson(s), again to request meetings. Ponderosa received an e-mail response from one such Tribal entity and from there an e-mail dialogue ensued to arrange a meeting date. In December of 2013 a meeting was conducted between various members of the Ponderosa management team and representatives of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Tribal Council to discuss a range of topics centered on telecommunications.

Copies of the letters and associated notes are attached.

Sub-Sections 924 – 928 Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes.

Copies of several Right of way authorizations are provided as an example of Ponderosa's compliance with this sub-section 924. In addition, attached is a copy of a typical USFS special use permit that lists the operating requirements Ponderosa would be obligated to follow in the situation where Tribal land is impacted by a project.

To the extent construction activity takes place on Tribal land, Ponderosa follows the rules and regulations, processes and procedures, as identified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, Part 169, and those that may be required by the following entities: Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, and other local Tribal authorities. Ponderosa is not aware of any violations with regards to activities addressed under sub-sections 925 – 928.

Sub-Section 929 Tribal Business and Licensing requirements

Ponderosa provides service within the serving area, including Tribal lands, as authorized by our CPCN issued by the California Public Utilities Commission. Ponderosa is not aware of any additional Tribal business or licensing requirements that may exist as a condition to conduct business with the Tribal authorities located in Ponderosa serving area.



PonderosaTelephone

September 19, 2013

Ms. Judy E. Fink, Chairperson
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California
P.O. Box 929
North Fork, CA 93643-0929

Dear Ms. Fink,

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Best regards,

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November 15, 2013

Ms. Elaine Bethel-Fink, Tribal Chair
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Ms. Elizabeth Kipp, Chairperson
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians
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Auberry, CA 93602-0337

Dear Ms. Kipp,

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September 19, 2013

Ms. Leanne Walker-Grant, Chairperson
Table Mountain Rancheria of California
P.O. Box 410
Friant, CA 93626-0410

Dear Ms. Walker-Grant,

My name is Matthew Boos, General Manager of Ponderosa Telephone, and I am writing to request a meeting with you. As technology needs change, Ponderosa wants to be in a position to serve Table Mountain Rancheria. While we hope we have been successfully servicing your telecommunications needs, the Federal Communications Commission has asked us to review a few specific items with you to insure we are accomplishing our mutual goals. To this end, we would like to have this first discussion with you.

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September 19, 2013

Mr. Robert Marquez, Chairman
Cold Spring Rancheria of Mono Indians
P.O. Box 209
Tollhouse, CA 93667-0209

Dear Mr. Marquez,

My name is Matthew Boos, General Manager of Ponderosa Telephone, and I am writing to request a meeting with you. As technology needs change, Ponderosa wants to be in a position to serve Cold Spring Rancheria. While we hope we have been successfully servicing your telecommunications needs, the Federal Communications Commission has asked us to review a few specific items with you to insure we are accomplishing our mutual goals. To this end, we would like to have this first discussion with you.

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Matt Boos

From: Katrina Guitierrez <kguitierrez@northforkrancheria-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4:23 PM
To: Matt Boos
Subject: Meeting

Mr. Boos,

Good afternoon. This email is in regards to your meeting request with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians. As Tribal Council Secretary, we would like to meet with you for the topics that you included in your letter dated November 15, 2013. The only dates, so far that we have available is Dec 2 or Dec 9. If either of these dates are not good for you, please let me know and we can re-schedule. We look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully,

Katrina Guitierrez

Tribal Council Secretary

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Matt Boos

From: Christina McDonald <cmcdonald@northforkrancheria-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4:49 PM
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Dear Matthew,

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Matt Boos

From: Matt Boos
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 1:36 PM
To: 'Christina McDonald'; 'Katrina Gutierrez'
Subject: RE: Meeting with tribe

Good afternoon. I'd like to thank both of you for responding to my letter. Christina, I'd like to secure the December 16th date you offered. Let me know what time you would like me to arrive and if there is anything specific you would like me to consider before the meeting. I also plan to bring along one or two of my management staff to the meeting so we can be as productive as possible.

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From: Katrina Guitierrez <kguitierrez@northforkrancheria-nsn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 4:32 PM
To: Matt Boos
Subject: Meeting

Mr. Boos,

Thank you for your response. Will you be able to meet on December 16, 2013 @ 10:00 am. We look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Guitierrez

Tribal Council Secretary

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Matt Boos

From: Matt Boos
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 6:14 PM
To: 'Christina McDonald'; Katrina Guitierrez
Subject: RE: Meeting with tribe

Thank you, Christina. Have a nice Thanksgiving holiday. Matt

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From: Matt Boos
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 12:15 PM
To: 'Katrina Gultierrez'
Subject: RE: Meeting

Thank you, Katrina. Yes, that should work. Will you be able to follow up with a short agenda and the location of the meeting? I would like to bring my appropriate staff in order to be fully responsive to your needs. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Matt Boos, 868-6322

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Memorandum

Date: December 16, 2013
To: File
From: Matthew Boos
Re: North Fork Rancheria Meeting
cc: Alan, Eric, Linda

Alan, Eric and I met with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Tribal Council on December 16, 2013 at 10am. In attendance was the Tribal Council, including Chair Elaine Bethel-Fink, Patrick Bien and Katrina Guitierrez, and their IT person, Elisa Benz. The Council did not provide an agenda; however, we spoke about a wide range of topics centered on communications services including broadband, voice, cloud services and planning and agreed to follow up with each other regarding several items:

- The Council inquired whether Ponderosa could provide any services to their offices in Fresno and Madera since AT&T only offers DSL. We asked them for the addresses and indicated we would inquire how close our affiliate's facilities will be when they complete their construction (Vast). The Council also indicated that they would eventually need broadband and other communications services for their new casino in Madera once it begins construction and would like to know if our affiliate will have facilities close by.
- The Council inquired whether the outlying offices could have access to their centrex services in North Fork. We responded that we would look into options and follow up.
- We encouraged the Council to keep us informed of their planning (new buildings, additional or changed building locations, etc.) in order for us (or our affiliate) to bring timely and/or uninterrupted voice/broadband services.
- Due to the Council's concerns about the monthly cost of broadband for many of its members, we explained and discussed the various DSL discounts/promotions that are available and offered to provide additional promotional materials to the Council for its members. The Council also explained that many members have the initial hardware costs as a barrier to broadband and requested any feedback and/or possible solutions to this barrier.
- The Council inquired whether Ponderosa offers any broadband education for its customers and we explained that we have offered classes in conjunction with other service organizations and would be open to providing education to the Tribal members, possibly as a partner with the Rancheria.
- We briefly discussed and explained cloud services to the Council.

COLD SPRINGS TRIBE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2078
NOVEMBER 10, 1914

RESOLUTION 2004-005 AUTHORIZATION TO PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY LAY A FIBEROPTIC LINE ON COLD SPRINGS RANCHERIA

WHEREAS, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE IS A SOVEREIGN TRIBE RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, AND IS LOCATED IN FRESNO COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND;

WHEREAS, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE IS IN NEED OF TELEPHONE UPGRADED SERVICE ON THE RANCHERIA TO PROMOTE ITS INTERESTS AND FURTHER THE AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS MEMBERS, AND;

WHEREAS, THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY IS IN NEED OF PLACING A FIBER OPTIC CABLE AND CONDUIT SYSTEM WITHIN THE COLD SPRINGS RANCHERIA THAT WILL UPGRADE ITS PRESENT ELECTRONIC SITE; AND,

WHEREAS, THE PROPOSED ROUTE WILL FOLLOW THE PATH OF AN EXISTING BURIED CABLE ROUTE THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED MANY YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN IN CONTINUAL USE SINCE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBAL COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE, AND ENTER INTO LICENSES WITH RESPECT TO TRIBAL LAND; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBAL COUNCIL GIVES THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO PONDEROSA PHONE COMPANY TO UPGRADE EXISTING TELEPHONE LINES UNTIL SUCH TIME THE DESIGNATED UPGRADES ARE COMPLETE.





PG 2, RESOLUTION 2004-005


C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2004 AT A REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING WHERE A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

VOTE: 15 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED


JENIFER PHILLEY
CHAIRPERSON


CAROL BILL
VICE-CHAIRPERSON


CAROL EDD
SECRETARY/TREASURER


TRAVIS COLEMAN
COUNCIL MEMBER


SHEILA EDD
COUNCIL MEMBER


RICK HUNTER
COUNCIL MEMBER



COLD SPRINGS TRIBE
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2070
NOVEMBER 10, 1914



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RESOLUTION NO. 86-19
RIGHT OF WAY FOR UTILITIES

- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council is recognized by the United States of America as the governing body of the Cold Springs reservation; and,
- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council has joined the Indian Housing Authority of Central California in order to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for its members; and,
- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council has been awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build 19+18 (37) homes on the Reservation to provide housing to tribal members under HUD housing projects; and,
- WHEREAS: In order to provide drinking water, electricity, telephone, natural gas and cable television to the proposed Cold Springs/ IHACC Housing Projects, it is necessary to approve rights-of-way to the utility companies providing the above listed services; and,
- WHEREAS: The utility companies need to come on the Cold Springs Reservation for the purpose of conducting surveys so they can make formal application to the Cold Springs Tribal Council and Bureau of Indian Affairs for a formal right-of-way across the Reservation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: 1. That the Bureau of Indian Affairs initiate the application process for the utility companies providing services to the Cold Springs Housing Projects.

2. That the utility companies are authorized to enter upon or pass across the lands of the Cold Springs Indian Reservation for the purpose of conducting a preliminary planning and design of said utility extensions to serve the proposed Housing projects. This includes but is not limited to soils testing, site evaluations, and surveying.

3. That, as the proposed rights-of-ways are for the sole benefit of the Cold Springs Indian Reservation, that the





requirements of Title 25, Section 169.12 and Section 169.14 of the Code of Federal Regulations be waived. Said requirements regard payments and/or deposits for consideration for the right-of-way, severance damages, damages caused during the survey, and estimated damages as a result of construction. Provided however, this waiver is limited to the right-of-way application process with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and shall not be valid for any other documents relating to the extension of utilities to the proposed Cold Springs Housing Projects. Provided further, that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit the right of the Cold Springs Tribe from suing in a court of competent jurisdiction the utility companies for any damages they cause on the Cold Springs Indian Reservation arising from their conducting of preliminary planning and design of the utility the utility companies to come on the reservation to survey and do planning design so they can apply for said right-of-way.

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

We, the undersigned, as elected officers of the Cold Springs Reservation do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting on June 12, 1986.

VOTE 4 (FOR) 0 (AGAINST) 0 (ABSTAIN)

Pamela J. Lee
PAMELAN J. LEE, Secty/Treasurer

Frank J. Lee
FRANK J. LEE, Chairman



CHARLIE DICK
SAC-63

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa Telephone Company, P. O. Box 21, O'Neals, California 93645, its successors and assigns, hereafter termed "Applicant", has been requested to extend Telephone Service to the residence of Gloria and Tom Walker, hereinafter termed "Authorized Occupant", who is the owner or legally authorized occupant or lessee of a tract of trust land identified and described as follows:

Within the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 06,

Township 08 South, Range 23 East,

Mount Diablo Base Meridian,

County of Madera, State of California, and

WHEREAS, the location of service line required to serve the above described property, and its extent, is more particularly shown and delineated on the attached plat marked "Exhibit A", which has been prepared in accordance with 25 CFR 169.22, and which by this reference is made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the regulations of 25 CFR 169.22, provide that an agreement shall be entered into by and between the landowner or a legally authorized occupant or lessee of the land and the Applicant before any work by the Applicant may be undertaken to construct a service line across such land; and

WHEREAS, those regulations further provide that a service line shall be for the sole purpose of supplying the owner or authorized occupant or lessee of land, including schools and churches, with roads, telephone, water, electric power, gas or other utilities for use by such owner, occupant or lessee of the land on the premises.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed that in consideration of the Applicant furnishing a buried telephone cable, pedestals and appurtenances to the within described property, the authorized occupant hereby grants permission to Applicant to construct a service line on and across the said property without the payment of any monetary compensation for damages. Applicant agrees to comply with all the requirements of 25 CFR 169.22.

This Agreement is in the nature of a license, revocable at any time at the sole option of the Authorized occupants, and conveys no interest in the land traversed whatsoever.

OWNER

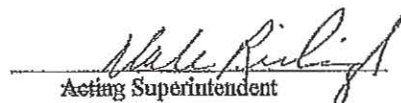
APPLICANT


GLORIA WALKER


Authorized Representative of
PONDEROSA TELEPHONE


THOMAS WALKER

Approved By and Filed with the
Superintendent, on this _____
day of AUG 25, 1998.


Acting Superintendent
Central California Agency

"Approved pursuant to the authority delegated by 209 DM 8, Secretary's Order Nos. 3150 and 3177, and 10 BIA M Bulletin 13, as amended, and the Addendum to 10 BIA M and Sacramento Area Office Redlegation Order No. 1, (43 RR. 30131)."

OWNER

APPLICANT

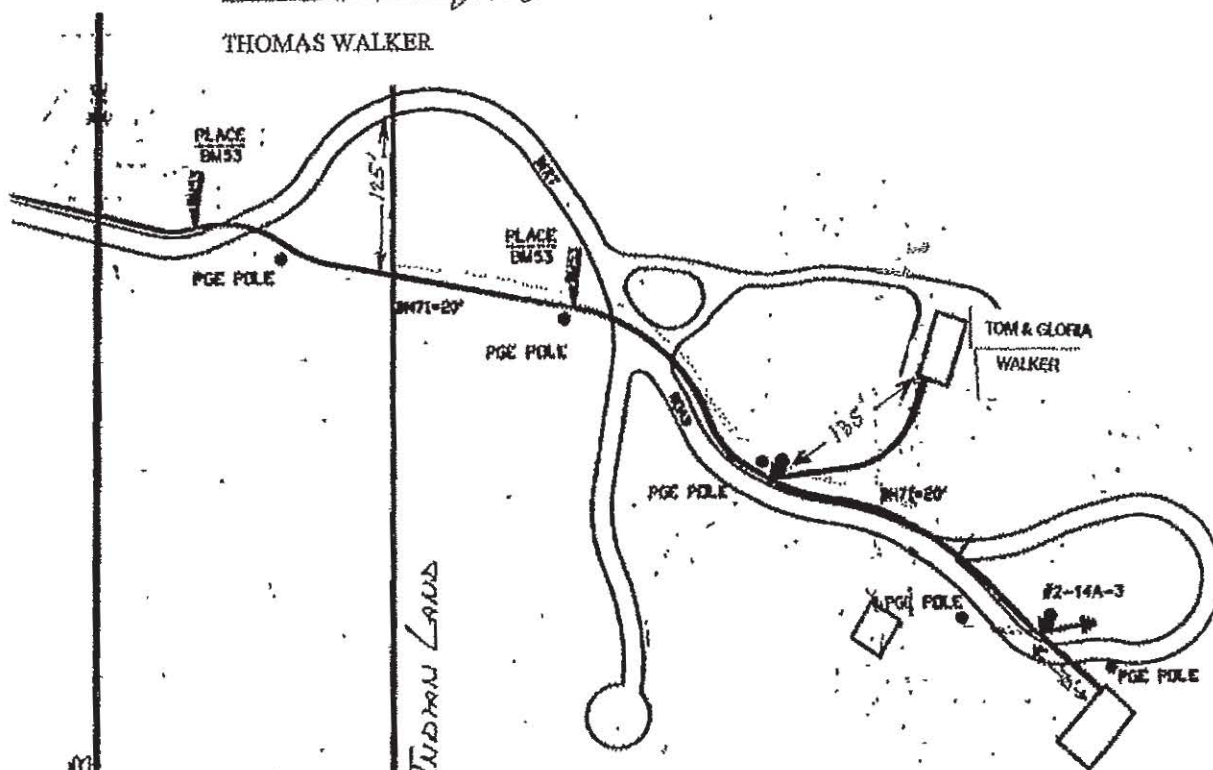
Gloria Walker

GLORIA WALKER

Authorized Representative
Ponderosa Telephone

Thomas Walker

THOMAS WALKER



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USFS APN 61-071-01
CHARLIE DICK ALLOTMENT INDIAN LAND

APPROXIMATELY 610 FT. MAIN LINE CABLE
APPROXIMATELY 135 FT. SERVICE DROP TO WALKER



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU INDIAN AFFAIRS

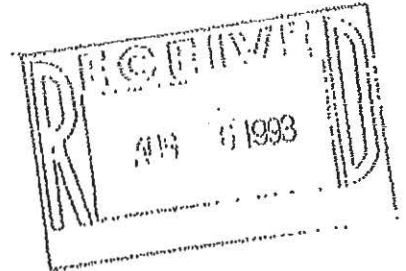
Central California Agency
1824 Tribute Road, Suite J
Sacramento, CA 95815-4308

IN REPLY REFER TO

RPM
Big Sandy
374/101

Jake Ashworth
Ponderosa Telephone Company
P.O. Box 21
O'Neals, California 93645

AUG 3 1993



Dear Mr. Ashworth:


Enclosed is a copy of the approved Service Line Agreement for Big Sandy Rancheria at the address 8134 Table Mountain Road. This is located on Big Sandy Tribal Allotment T1094 and is a portion known as parcel 14, of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, MDM., and is shown on "Exhibit B and C". A copy of the Tribal Resolution Number 93-02 for this action is also enclosed.

This will serve as your documentation to connect service to Big Sandy Tribal Building, in accordance with the drawings (Exhibits B and C) submitted and also a part of the agreement. This service line will be kept on file at this Agency and will become a part of the permanent record as a valid agreement regarding this property. Exhibit A, which is similar to Exhibit B, due to its size, will be retained at this office and is available for review upon request.

By copy of this letter and same information, we are notifying Big Sandy Rancheria of the action taken by this office, at this time.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact Jamie Thomas, Realty Specialist, at (916) 978-4343.

Sincerely,


Harold M. Brafford
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jeannette Sample, Chairperson, Big Sandy Rancheria, P.O. Box 337,
Auberry, California 93602

COPY

Allottee Big Sandy Rancheria

Allotment No. Tribal 506-T1094

Agreement No. 374/101

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The Ponderosa Telephone Co., of P.O. Box 21,
O'Neals, CA 93645, its successors and assigns, hereinafter
termed "Applicant," has been requested to extend telephone
service to, The Big Sandy Rancheria, hereinafter termed
"Authorized Occupant", who is the owner or legally authorized
occupant or lessee of a tract of trust land identified and
described as follows:

That portion of Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Section 4, MDB&M, con-
sisting of 2.82⁺ acres, APN 128-382-06T, also known as parcel 14,

Also highlighted on map entitled "Exhibit A", which is a part of this
service line agreement, and shown on "Exhibit's B and C which are also
a part of this service line agreement,

County of Fresno, State of California, and

WHEREAS, the location of the service line required to serve the
above described property, and its extent, is more particularly
shown and delineated on the attached plat marked "Exhibit A,"
which has been prepared in accordance with 25 CFR 169.22, and
which by this reference is made a part hereof and

WHEREAS, the regulations of 25 CFR 169.22, provide that an
agreement shall be entered into by and between the landowner or a
legally authorized occupant or lessee of the land and the
applicant before any work by the applicant may be undertaken to
construct a service line across such land; and

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT/PAGE 2

WHEREAS, those regulations further provide that a service line shall be for the sole purpose of supplying the owner or authorized occupant or lessee of land, including schools and churches, with roads, telephone, water, electric power, gas or other utilities for use by such owner, occupant or lessee of the land on the premises.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed that in consideration of the applicant furnishing telephone service to the within described property, the authorized occupant hereby grants permission to applicant to construct a service line on and across the said property without the payment of any monetary compensation for damages. Applicant agrees to comply with all the requirements of 25 CTR 169.22.

This Agreement is in the nature of a license, revocable at any time at the sole option of the Authorized Occupant, and conveys no interest in the land traversed whatsoever.

OWNER OR LESSEE

Jeanette L. Sample, Chairperson
Authorized Representative of
The Big Sandy Rancheria.

APPLICANT

John R. Smith R/W AGENT
Authorized Representative of
The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

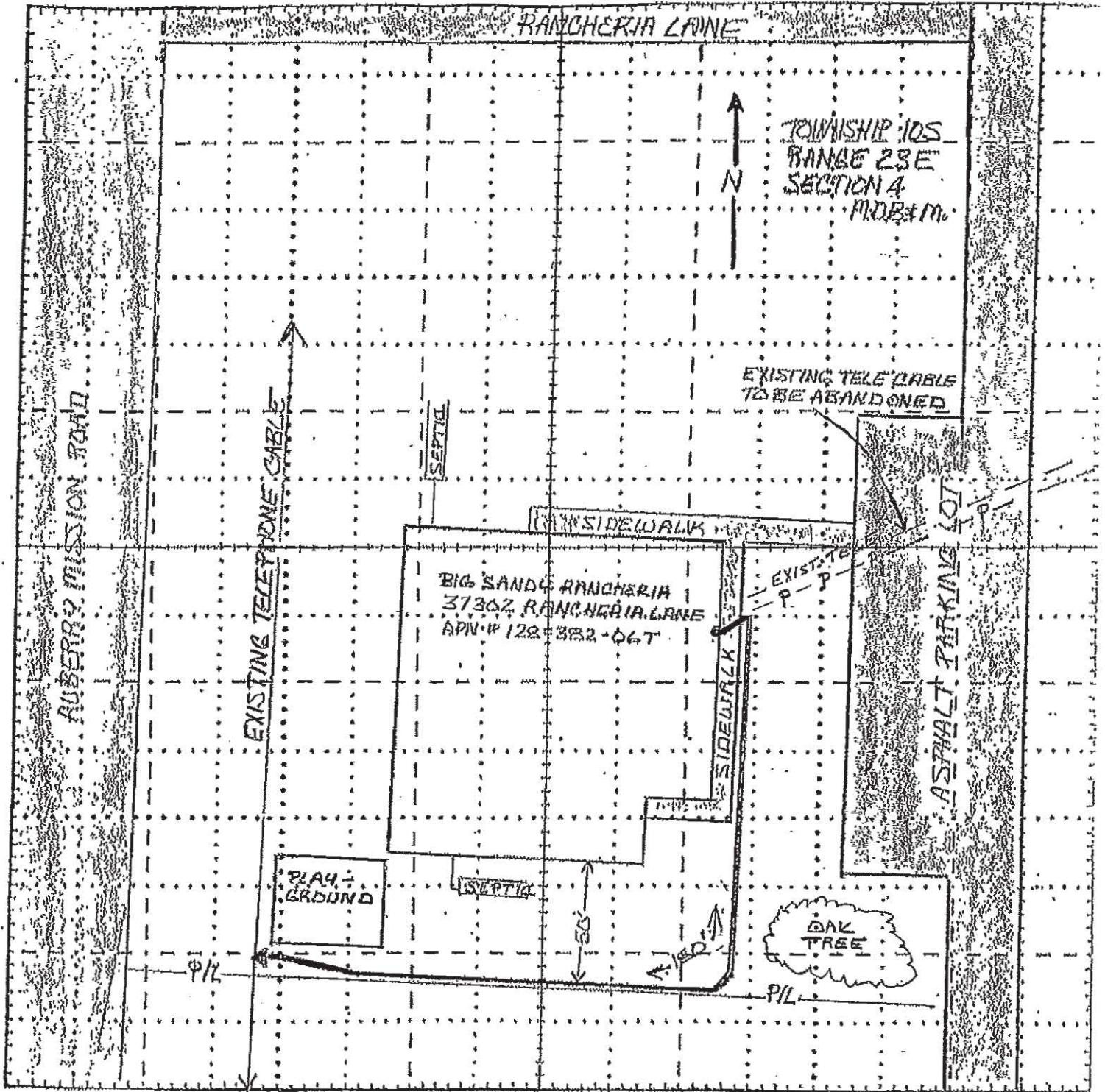
Approved By and Filed with
Superintendent, on this

2nd day of August, 1993

Harold M. Bragg
Superintendent *Aug 02*

"Approved pursuant to the authority delegated by 209 DM 8, Secretary's Order No. 3150, as amended, and 10 BIAM Bulletin 13, as amended, and Sacramento Area Office Redelagation Order No. 1, (43 F.R. 30131)."

EXHIBIT "B"



THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THIS PLAT IS TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE CORRECT AND TO BE MADE A PART OF THIS SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT.

DATE March 5 1993

John Schmitt P/W AGENT
APPLICANT/The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

DATE Feb 8, 1993

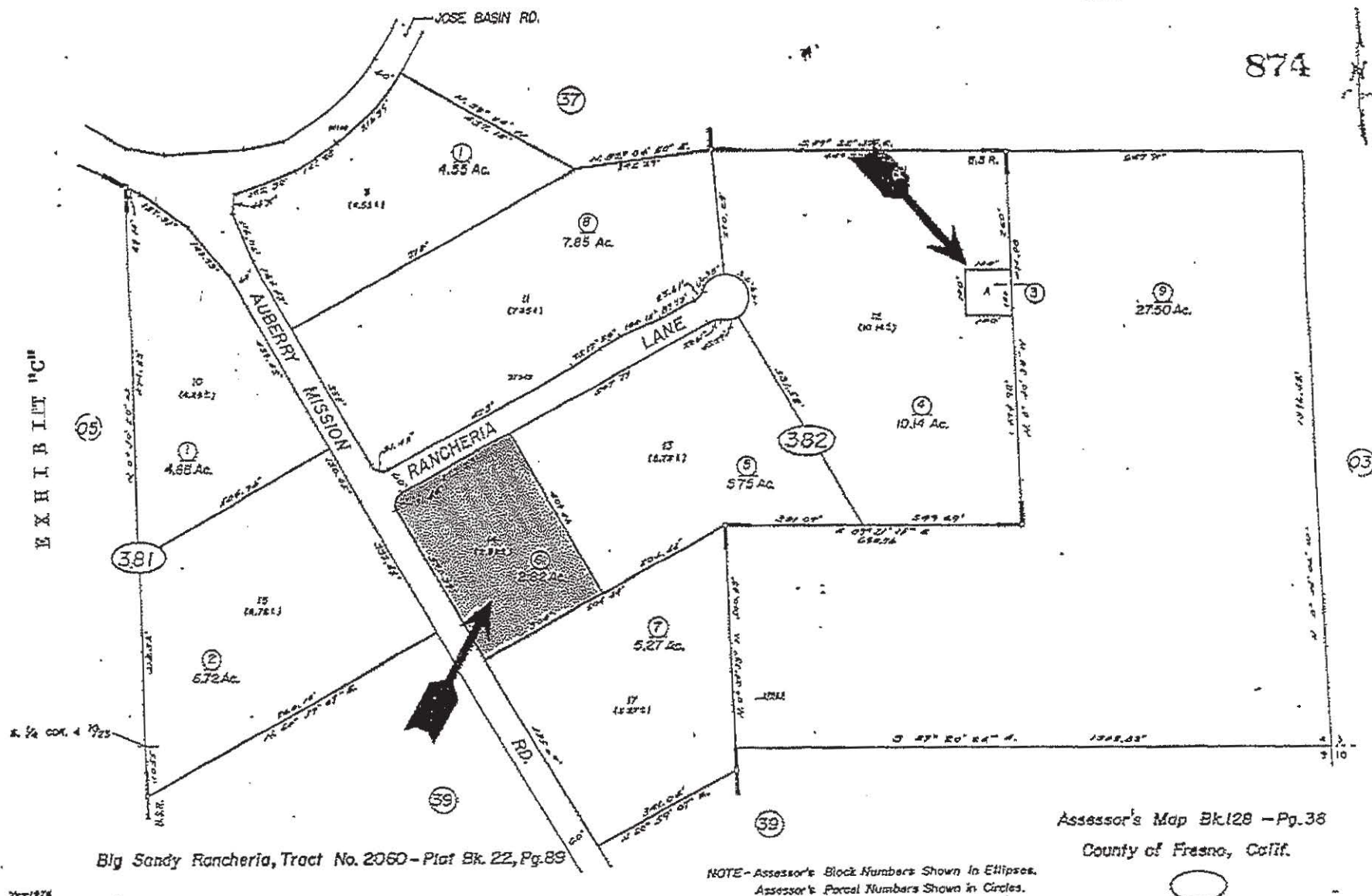
Janette L. Sample, Chairman
OWNER/The Big Sandy Rancheria Authorized Representative

SUBDIVIDED LAND IN POR. SEC'S. 4 & 9, T.10 S., R.23 E. M.D.B. & M.

Tax Rate Area
H-000

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Assessor's Map Bk128 -Pg.38
County of Fresno, Calif.

~~SUBDIVIDED~~ LAND IN POR. SEC'S. 4 & 9, T. 10S., R. 23E., M.D.B. & M.

Tox Area
63-646

128-39

Date January 30, 1993

TELEPHONE SERVICE LINE

AND

WAIVER OF DAMAGES

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Big Sandy Rancheria

(hereafter "Applicant Grantor") has made an application to The Ponderosa Telephone Company to be supplied with telephone service at certain premises located within the exterior boundaries of Big Sandy Rancheria - Parcel No. 21; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide such telephone service, it is necessary that The Ponderosa Telephone Company construct, operate and maintain a telephone line over and across a certain ^{trust properties} ~~agreement~~ in the areas of Parcel No.'s 21, 23, 14, & 5, and receive a grant of right of way necessary or convenient for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order that such telephone service may be provided and The Ponderosa Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, may have and possess appropriate rights of way upon and along which to construct, operate, and maintain a telephone line, said Applicant Grantor, in their own behalf must join in this Telephone Line and Waiver of Damages Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT said Applicant Grantor does hereby:

1. Grant unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, subject to the applicable provisions of Title 25 Indians C.F.R., the rights of way which are necessary and/or convenient for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a telephone line, as shown on the map (to be furnished by The Ponderosa Telephone Company).
2. Grant unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company permission to proceed with survey and construction of the said telephone line over and through said lands, including all convenient appliances, attachments,

appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient to be installed together with necessary access thereto.

3. Expressly waive, release and quitclaim forever unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company any right or claim for compensation or damages for or in connection with said rights of way which said Applicant Grantor may have arising from this Telephone Line Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this instrument this 15th day of October, 1990.

Thane V. Baty

Applicant Grantor
Thane V. Baty
Tribal Chairman

ACCEPTED:

THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE CO.

By [Signature]
Manager, Right of Way and Land

[Signature]

Noted:

C. Chavis

ACTING Superintendent



IN REPLY REFER TO

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR R/W 374/96
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Central California Agency
1800 Tribute Road, Suite 111
Sacramento, California 95815-4314

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Mr. Bill Jenkins
Ponderosa Telephone Company
P. O. Box 21
O'Neals, CA 93645

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

We have received your request for a Service Line Agreement on the Big Sandy Rancheria tribal property, which is located in Fresno County.

You have authorization for this Service Line Agreement, which is granted pursuant to 25 CFR 169.22, and Big Sandy Tribal Resolution No. 90-01, dated 10/15/90. The right-of-way number that has been assigned is R/W 374/96.

The maps which were provided have been retained at this office and your firm should provide a copy of the maps to the Big Sandy Rancheria for their files.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Big Sandy Rancheria for their information.

If you have questions concerning this, please feel free to write to me at the above address or you may call Virginia Carpenter, Realty Officer, at (916) 978-4343.

Sincerely,

O. Chins

Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thane V. Baty
Chairman, Big Sandy Rancheria
P. O. Box 337
Auberry, CA 93602

~~telephone line over and through said land~~

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Bass Lake Ranger District, Sierra National Forest
Madera County, California

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Ponderosa Telephone
Minarets Work Center - Arnold Meadow
Telephone Installation Project

The Forest Service proposes to authorize the Ponderosa Telephone Company (Ponderosa) to provide broad-spectrum radio-telephone service (Cy-link) to the Minarets Work Center (work center), a Forest Service administrative site located on the Bass Lake Ranger District in eastern Madera County. In February 2001, the Forest submitted a service request to Ponderosa to replace the Forest's existing but outdated microwave-based telephone system at the work center. The Forest wants to upgrade the existing telephone system to enable computer and internet-based communications between the work center and other Forest units. Computer-based communications are not possible using the Forest's existing microwave telephone technology. If the telephone system were upgraded Resource, Culture and Fire engine crews stationed seasonally at the work center could access travel, payroll, and other computer programs. With the existing communications system the work center cannot be used for a fire base-camp because Incident Command Teams use computers and internet-based communications for ordering supplies and personnel, running predictive modeling programs, preparing shift plans, etc. If the telephone system was upgraded the Forest would be able to use the work center as a fire base-camp.

If the telephone system upgrade occurs at the work center it would become economically feasible for Ponderosa to provide service to private property owners at the Arnold Meadows subdivision where telephone service is not currently available. Subsequent to the Forest's service request, Ponderosa submitted a Special-Use Permit application, proposing to provide telephone service to both the work center and Arnold Meadow.

The proposed project is located in portions of the N1/2N1/2 Sec. 16; the SE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 9; and the NE1/4NE1/4 Sec. 17, Range 24 East, Township 6 South MDB&M in Madera County. The project would encumber 1.848 miles and 3.37 acres of National Forest System lands. (See attached maps). If authorized, the district would amend Ponderosa's district-wide Special-Use Permit for telephone services.

Forest's Service Request at Minarets Work Center:

The Forest and Ponderosa entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), executed by the Forest Supervisor on November 14, 2001, to enable Ponderosa to place their communications equipment at the work center. Under the MOU, Ponderosa would mount a two or four-foot transmit/receiver dish on the Forest Service's communication tower. In addition, Ponderosa would install Cy-link and telephone switching equipment on racks inside the existing Forest communication vault. According to the MOU the Forest would retire its solar panel array (that is no longer operative). Ponderosa would use the array framing, replace the solar panels and batteries, and would be responsible for the future operations and maintenance of the array. Electrical power would be provided from the array to Ponderosa's communication equipment through existing buried power lines. The Forest would be responsible for providing upgraded communications lines to buildings and offices on the work center compound. No additional trenching would be required because upgraded communications lines would

be treaded through existing buried conduit.

Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation:

As proposed, Ponderosa would install approximately 9,760 lineal feet of direct-buried 50-pair telephone cable from the work center to the Forest Service-Arnold Meadow Subdivision land boundary. All of the cable would be buried to a minimum depth of 30-inches. The majority of the installation would occur along the edge of Forest Development roads. From the communications vault at the work center Ponderosa would bury approximately 400 lineal feet of telephone cable through the compound. Ponderosa would use a vibratory plow to install the cable through an unimproved access road leading from the communications vault to within 10 feet from the work center's asphalt road. Ponderosa would directionally bore where the telephone right-of-way crosses the asphalt road in the compound. The right-of-way would skirt around the north side of the Forest Service gate, and follow Forest Road 4S81 north to where it intersects with Forest Road 6S01, avoiding breaking up the concrete curbing near the intersection of those roads. One 8-inch diameter pine tree would have to be removed near this intersection to avoid the asphalt curbing and allow for the installation. The tree would be felled and left in place, with the slash lopped and scattered to a maximum depth of 18-inches deep. Two small diameter manzanita (less than 2-inches dbh) and 6-10 small diameter trees (less than 6-inches dbh) may need to be removed during the rest of the installation. All slash would be lopped and scattered to a maximum 18-inches depth.

The remainder of the telephone installation would occur along the northern edge of Forest development roads 6S01 and 6S44, terminating at the gated entrance to Arnold Meadow. The alignment would leave the edge of the roadbed to route around five culverts and one down drain. If large rocks were encountered while installing the telephone line, Ponderosa would use a backhoe to remove the rocks from the right-of-way. In addition to the directional bore on the work center compound, Ponderosa would also bore around two culverts located at the intersection of road 6S01 and road 6S30. All bentonite used during the boring process would be contained, and removed from National Forest System lands at the conclusion of the boring.

Ponderosa would be required to meet a 95% compaction standard when backfilling the plow line and/or trenches excavated for the phone line installation. The Forest would require Ponderosa to perform compaction tests periodically throughout and following the telephone line installation to ensure compaction standards were met. Ponderosa would water the roadbeds of Forest Development road 6S01 and 6S44, blade and reshape the road surface, and restore all drainages as directed by the Forest. To prevent erosion, Ponderosa would place the cable in conduit where the cable would be routed around culverts. Ponderosa would apply concrete slurry over the top of the conduit and backfill with soil after the concrete hardens. All concrete materials, wet or dry, would be kept away from open water sources. Ponderosa would be prohibited from cleaning concrete mixing equipment and tools on National Forest System lands without express Forest Service authorization. If the project were authorized, after the first significant rainfall, Ponderosa and the Forest Service would inspect the road to ensure erosion was not occurring. Based on that inspection the Forest may require Ponderosa to blade and reshape the road in advance of winter weather closing off access to Arnold Meadow.

The district Archaeologist and a Native American representative would monitor for cultural resources during the telephone installation in two portions of the project area. Ponderosa would compensate the Native American representative for their time and travel expenses. Should human remains, historic, or

prehistoric artifacts be discovered during installation of the telephone cable, operations would cease immediately. Ponderosa shall leave such discoveries intact until authorized to proceed by the authorized officer.

Internal and external scoping was performed for this project. This project was listed in the Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions, and tribal consultation was undertaken with representatives from the North Fork Mono Rancheria and with other members of the Mono people. One environmental organization, Citizens Against Toxics, expressed interest in the project based upon receipt of the Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions. No other public concerns were identified.

The environmental impact of the proposed action is minimal. All practical means to minimize ground disturbance would be taken under the terms of the permit. There are no identified extraordinary circumstances that might cause the proposed action to have significant effects upon the human environment. This analysis has determined there are no archaeological resources; threatened, endangered or special status species; or unique habitat known in the project area.

Based on this information, it is my determination this activity would be of limited size and degree of disturbance. I find the proposed action is categorically excluded from documentation in either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action fits the category of action identified in Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook, Section 31.2(3), "Approval, modification, or continuation of special uses of National Forest System lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land". This action is consistent with the Sierra National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.8(a)(4) and implementation may take place immediately.

For further information, contact Karen Nooney, Assistant District Lands Officer, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, California 93643; (559) 877-2218.



DAVID W. MARTIN
District Ranger

3-15-03

DATE

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ponderosa Telephone Company Minarets Work Center and Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation Project

The Sierra National Forest has authorized the Ponderosa Telephone Company's Minarets Work Center and Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation Project. A Categorical Exclusion fulfilling NEPA requirements is on file at the Bass Lake Ranger District.

Project Description:

The project area includes the installation of Cy-link radio-based telephone equipment at the Minarets Work Center, including the placement of a two or four foot transmit receiver on the Forest Service communications tower, and the installation of radio switching equipment in the Forest's communication vault. This project also includes the installation of approximately 9600 lineal feet of 50-pair, direct buried telephone cable to the Arnold Meadow subdivision. The proposed route follows National Forest Development roads 4S81, 6S01, and 6S44.

The Ponderosa Telephone Company's master Special-Use Permit will be amended to reflect the installation of these facilities and lines.

The Forest Service requires the following operating procedures be incorporated into the project. These operating instructions apply to Ponderosa Telephone and/or their contractor(s).

1. Ponderosa will adhere to the construction plans submitted to, and approved by, the Forest Service for this project. Ponderosa must obtain advance written authorization from the District Ranger or his representative before any changes to the alignment can be made.
2. The Forest will field identify the location of buried utilities before installation of Ponderosa's telephone cable and/or equipment.
3. The district Archaeologist and a Native American representative will monitor for cultural resources during the telephone installation in two portions of the project area. Ponderosa will compensate the Native American representative for their time and travel expenses.
4. If human remains, historic, or prehistoric artifacts are discovered during installation of the telephone cable operations will cease immediately. Ponderosa shall leave such discoveries intact until authorized to proceed by the authorized officer.
5. Ponderosa will directionally bore where the telephone right-of-way crosses the asphalt road in the work center compound. Ponderosa will also bore around two culverts located at the intersection of Forest Road 6S01 and road 6S30. All bentonite used during the boring process will be contained, and removed from National Forest System lands at the conclusion of the boring.

6. To avoid asphalt curbing one 8-inch diameter pine tree will have to be removed near the intersection of roads 4S81 and 6S01. The tree would be felled and left in place, with the slash lopped and scattered to a maximum depth of 18-inches deep. Two small diameter manzanita (less than 2-inches dbh) and 6-10 small diameter trees (less than 6-inches dbh) may need to be removed during the rest of the installation. All slash would be lopped and scattered to a maximum 18-inches depth.
7. Ponderosa is required to meet a 95% compaction standard when backfilling the plow line and/or trenches excavated for the phone line installation. The Forest will require Ponderosa to perform compaction tests periodically throughout and following the telephone line installation to ensure compaction standards were met.
8. Ponderosa will water the roadbeds of Forest road 6S01 and 6S44, blade and reshape the road surface, and restore all drainages as directed by the Forest. After the first significant rainfall, Ponderosa and the Forest Service will inspect the road to ensure erosion is not occurring. Based on that inspection the Forest may require Ponderosa to blade and reshape the road in advance of winter weather closing off access to Arnold Meadow.
9. To prevent erosion, Ponderosa will place the cable in conduit where the cable is routed above culverts. Ponderosa will apply concrete slurry over the top of the conduit and backfill with soil after the concrete hardens. All concrete materials, wet or dry, will be kept away from open water sources. Ponderosa is prohibited from cleaning concrete mixing equipment and tools on National Forest System lands without express Forest Service authorization. Ponderosa will remove all unused and/or excess concrete from National Forest System lands.
10. Ponderosa may be required to spread rice straw on raw soil to prevent erosion.
11. To prevent the spread of noxious weeds Ponderosa will wash all equipment and vehicles used in conjunction with this project before the equipment enters onto National Forest System lands. Equipment must be free of organic material and dirt prior to going cross-country on National Forest System lands.
12. All fueling of equipment will occur away from water sources.
13. Ponderosa will notify the Forest Service of all accidents, spills, or other emergency occurrences immediately.

Site Representatives

Ponderosa Telephone Company
Jake Ashworth
Right-of-Way Agent
(559) 868-6305

Bass Lake Ranger District
Karen Nooney
Assistant Lands Officer
(559) 877-2218 ext. 3197

Bass Lake Ranger District
Connie Popelish, District Archaeologist
(559) 877-2218 ext. 3163

Form 481, Section 1000 Voice Service Rate Comparability
Sub-Section 1010 Descriptive Document for Voice Services Rate
Comparability

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10) The Ponderosa Telephone Co., ("Ponderosa") is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$46.96 as specified in Public Notice DA 14-384 issued on March 20, 2014. Ponderosa's current total local end-user rate¹ of \$20.64 (which includes a local fee of \$00.00, mandated state fees of \$00.39 and mandatory extended area service charges of \$00.00) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.²

¹ Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

² USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) "The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average."

Form 481, Section 1200 Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Sub-Section 1221 - 1223 Lifeline customers MOU and additional toll charges

Lifeline customers receive the same residential service as a regular customer, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline customers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline customers, similar to every Ponderosa Telephone Co. customer, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXC's that serve Ponderosa Telephone Co.

Schedule No. A-26

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to eligible residence customers for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) a.k.a. California LifeLine Program or LifeLine furnished pursuant to the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act and in accordance with General Order 153. The Utility as listed throughout this Schedule is identified as the California LifeLine Service Provider in GO 153.

TERRITORY

Within the exchange areas, as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules

RATES AND CHARGES*

(1) California LifeLine Service:

a. Qualifying Residents:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
1. Individual Flat Rate Access Line	\$20.25
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50
3. Federal Lifeline Credit	(9.25)
4. California Specific Support Credit	<u>(11.39)</u>
5. California LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$6.11

b. Qualifying Residents of Tribal Lands:

1. Individual Flat Rate Access Line	\$20.25
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50
3. Federal Lifeline Credit	(9.25)
4. Federal Enhanced Lifeline Credit	(17.50)
5. California Specific Support Credit	<u>(0.00)</u>
6. California Enhanced LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$0.00

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* The difference between the rates and charges in this schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges in Cal. P.U.C. Schedule No. A-21 is recovered from the California ULTS Fund or the Federal Lifeline Program and the Federal Link Up Program. Rates include changes required by FCC Order No. 12-11 for both Federal Lifeline and Link Up support for regular low-income consumers and Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up support for low-income consumers residing on "Tribal lands".

(Continued)

(To be inserted by utility)

Advice Letter No. 426

Issued by

E. L. Silkwood

(To be inserted by Cal. P.U.C.)

Date Filed Dec 12, 2012

Decision No. FCC 12-11

President

TITLE

Effective Jan 1, 2013

Resolution No.

Schedule No. A-26

UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

(2) Service Connection/Conversion Charges:	Service Charge*	(T)
a. Each New Service Order for Initial Install:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
	41.50	
3. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
4. California LifeLine Credit	(31.50)	(I)
5. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	
b. Each New Service Order for Initial Install that require a premises visit to O'Neals, North Fork, or Friant Exchanges:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
3. Premises Visit Charge	42.00	
	83.50	
4. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
5. California LifeLine Credit	(73.50)	(I)
6. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	
c. Each New Service Order for Initial Install that require a premises visit to Big Creek, Auberry, Shaver Lake, and Wishon Cima Exchanges:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
3. Premises Visit Charge	58.75	
	100.25	
4. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
5. California LifeLine Credit	(90.25)	(I)
6. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

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RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

(2) Service Connection/Conversion Charges:

Service Charge*

d. Each Subsequent New Service Order:

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|--|----------------|-----|
| 1. New Service Order Charge | \$20.00 | |
| 2. Central Office Connection Work Charge | <u>21.50</u> | |
| | 41.50 | |
| 3. California LifeLine Credit | <u>(31.50)</u> | (T) |
| 4. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge | \$10.00 | |

e. Each Non-Payment Reconnect Charge:

(see Charges (2)b for charges after 15 days of disconnect)

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|--|----------------|-----|
| 1. Restoral Charge | \$21.50 | |
| 2. California LifeLine Credit | <u>(11.50)</u> | (T) |
| 3. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge | \$10.00 | |

f. Each change to convert to ULTS:

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|--|-------------|--|
| 1. Change Charge | \$10.00 | |
| 2. California LifeLine Credit | <u>0.00</u> | |
| 3. California LifeLine Service Conversion Charge | \$10.00 | |

g. Expanded Link Up (Tribal Lands)

(see Special Conditions 2)

Link Up Initial Install and Line Extension

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| 1. Credits up to: | \$100.00 | |
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RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

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Service Charge*

(3) End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge:

See RATES AND CHARGES
(1) a. and b.

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(4) Surcharges

No Charge

ULTS Rates (1) and (2) are exempt from
California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A) Surcharge,
California High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B) Surcharge,
California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)
Surcharge, California Teleconnect Fund (CTF)
Surcharge, California Relay Service
Communications Device Fund (DDTP) Surcharge,
the California LifeLine (ULTS) Surcharge, and the
CPUC User Fee

(5) Toll Blocking (also known as Toll Restriction)

No Charge

(6) Deposits (See Special Conditions 8.)

- a. A ULTS customer will not be required to post a deposit to establish or re-establish ULTS basic service.
- b. A deposit may be required to maintain basic service if the Utility discovers the customer no longer qualifies for ULTS.
- c. A deposit may be required for non-basic service(s).
- d. If it is determined that false information has been provided, correct information plus a deposit for non-basic service(s) will be required.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS

- a. The residence at which the service is requested is the subscriber's principal place of residence. (T)
An applicant for ULTS may report only one address in this state as his/her principal place of (N)
residence (N)

A residence as defined in General Order 153, is that portion of an individual house, building, flat or apartment (a dwelling unit) occupied entirely by a single family or individual functioning as one domestic establishment. A room or portion of a dwelling unit occupied exclusively by an individual not sharing equally as a member of the domestic establishment may be considered a separate residence for the application of ULTS.

- b. The subscriber and the members of the subscriber's household collectively have one, and only one, ULTS line, except as provided for elsewhere in this schedule. (T)

- c. Residential customers may qualify for ULTS by meeting either the Income-Based Criteria or the Program-Based Criteria.

- d. Income-Based Criteria:

Based on current income, the applicant's total household income (defined in Rule 1 Definitions) does not exceed the income levels based on household size for the fiscal year for which the service is furnished. (T)

For the current Household Income Limitations, refer to the Pacific Bell Telephone Company's (d.b.a. AT&T California) Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A5, Universal LifeLine Telephone Service for the Income-Based Criterion. Acceptable income documents are defined in the General Order 153.

Borrowed money shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program. Funds transferred from one account to another such as from a savings account to a checking account, shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program, even if such funds are used for living expenses.

- e. No customer who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return shall be eligible for ULTS. (T)

- f. For self-employed members, the "income from self-employment" shown on IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 29 shall be used to determine eligibility for ULTS. (T)

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: - (Continued)

g. Program-Based Criteria are defined in General Order 153

Program-based criterion allows an applicant to enroll in ULTS based on participation by the applicant or a member of the applicant's household in a means-tested programs approved by the Commission. Approved means-test programs are: (T)
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- (1) Medicaid or Medi-Cal,
- (2) Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- (3) CalFresh Program formerly called Food Stamps, (T)
- (4) Healthy Families Category A,
- (5) Tribal TANF,
- (6) Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC),
- (7) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
- (8) Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8,
- (9) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), also known in California as:
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks)
Stanislaus Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (StanWorks)
Welfare-to-Work (WTW) (T)
Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- (10) National School Lunch Program (NSLP), (T)
- (11) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance,
- (12) Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only).

h. A subscriber shall be eligible to receive two ULTS lines if: (i) the subscriber meets all ULTS eligibility criteria set forth above; (ii) a member of the subscriber's household is a disabled member and has immediate and continuous access within the household to a TTY; and (iii) the TTY is issued by DDTP or a medical certificate indicating the household member's need for a TTY is submitted. (T)
(T)

i. All ULTS rules and regulations that apply to the one ULTS line shall apply equally to the second ULTS line provided to a subscriber. (T)

j. Customers that verbally certify they meet the ULTS income limits and have proof of income or participate in an approved public program will receive an Application Form in the mail from the California LifeLine Administrator for completion and submission prior to being enrolled in the ULTS program. (T)
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k. The completed Application Form and supporting documents, if any, must be received by the California LifeLine Administrator on or before the deadline date specified in the Application Form. (T)
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS :- (Continued)

I. Enrollment Process:

- (a) The Utility shall send a confirmation notice to all California LifeLine applicants informing them of the arrival of Application Forms from the California LifeLine Administrator and the requirement to return the completed form with all required documentation. The notice shall also inform them that failure to return all the required documentation by the deadline date will result in denial of LifeLine service.
- (b) Customers will incur regular tariff rates and charges until the approval of their California LifeLine Application Form process is completed.
- (c) Customers will be converted to LifeLine service upon the Utility receiving confirmation of the customer's eligibility from the California LifeLine Administrator.
- (d) Customers will receive a credit on their bill for the LifeLine discounts retroactive to their application date which will appear on their next bill. The customer may request a refund check for a net credit if the amount is over \$10.00.
- m. The Utility shall not knowingly enroll an applicant into the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria and the Utility shall not knowingly allow a subscriber to remain in the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria.
- n. The Utility shall not link the availability of discounted phone service under the ULTS program with the sale of non-ULTS services.
- o. The Utility must inform the applicant that he or she may opt to receive the instructions for completing the certification form in Braille (English Only) or instructions and the form in large print.
- p. A subscriber changing his/her Utility shall not be required to undergo the Application Process, provided that the subscriber initiates California LifeLine service with his/her new Utility within 30 days of disconnecting California LifeLine service with the previous Utility and the subscriber maintains eligibility in all other respects. If a subscriber changes his or her principal place of residence, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the subscriber shall not be required to go through the Application Process again.
- q. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.410(d), an applicant applying for discounts from the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (California LifeLine) program must provide his or her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her SSN on the Application Form provided by the California LifeLine Administrator.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

2. Federal Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up Benefits and Qualification Requirements for Low-Income Consumers Living on Tribal Lands. (T)
- a. Description
- The following Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up program benefits and qualification standards apply to all low-income residence subscribers residing on "Tribal lands" as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.. (C)
- b. Qualifications
- In addition to the qualification standards set out in Section 1 preceding for Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up program participants, residents on "Tribal lands" may qualify for these programs if they participate in any one of the following federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for needy families; Head Start (only those meeting it's income qualifying standard); or National School Lunch Program's free lunch program. Those who qualify under the provisions of this paragraph must provide written certification of such qualification under penalty of perjury and must further agree to notify the Company if the customer ceases to participate in the program or programs. (C)
- c. Lifeline and Link Up Benefits
- Additional federal Enhanced Lifeline support will be provided to reduce the qualifying customer's basic monthly service rate to \$0.00 per month, inclusive of the federal End-User Common Line charge. (C)
- A 100% reduction of up to \$100.00 is available to cover the customary charges for commencing telecommunications service at the principal place of residence of the eligible residential customer, provided that the place of residence is located on "Tribal lands," as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This reduction can be applied to both the extension and service connection charges.. (C)

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3. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to eligible customers subscribing to flat rate individual line service.
4. ULTS includes all the service elements defined in Rule No. 1 for Basic Service.
5. ULTS is restricted to residence local exchange service including all applicable extended area service. Foreign Exchange Services are excluded from this offering.
6. Discounted Non-recurring Charges

a. Service Connection Charge

(1) The ULTS connection charge is applicable to each eligible household residing at the same principal place of residence. (T)

(2) The ULTS connection charge may be applicable any time a subscriber (T)

(a) establishes ULTS,

(b) re-establishes ULTS at the same residence at which ULTS was previously provided, regardless of reason for disconnect,

(c) establishes ULTS at a new residence, or

(d) switches ULTS from one utility to another.

(3) Utilities may not impose a "central office charge" in addition to the ULTS connection charge when installing ULTS or activating California LifeLine. (T)

(4) Installation of a second and subsequent telephone service connections shall be subject to the Utility's regular tariffed rates for these connections, except that subscribers with a disabled household member may qualify for ULTS connection charges on two residential telephone connections. (T)
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b. Service Change/Conversion Charge

The ULTS change/conversion charge is applicable each time a ULTS subscriber requests a change in the class (business or residential to ULTS), type (this means measured to flat rate service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), or grade of service (this means going from one to two party service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), including requests to change from Foreign Exchange Service. There is no limit on the number of times a ULTS subscriber may pay the ULTS conversion charge to change the class, type, or grade of service. This discounted charge excludes adding services not covered under the ULTS program. No conversion charge is assessed if a LifeLine applicant fails to qualify or if a LifeLine subscriber is removed from the LifeLine program (either voluntarily or involuntarily). (T)
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7. Eligible subscribers of this service may arrange a deferred schedule of up to twelve months to pay the Utility for the reduced service connection charges without interest. The Utility may charge a late-payment fee when Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) subscribers fail to timely remit some or all of the ULTS connection charge under a deferred-payment schedule. (T)
8. Deposits for establishment of service from applicants for new service, as outlined in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 7, will be waived for eligible recipients to ULTS. The Utility may require a ULTS customer to pay any overdue ULTS rates and charges, or make payment arrangements, before ULTS is reinstated at the same address or at a new address. The Utility may apply toll restriction to a ULTS customer's line when toll charges are not paid and optional services may be discontinued. (T)
9. ULTS shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service. Unless the customer directs otherwise, a partial payment will be applied towards the local service non-recurring and recurring charges, and federal taxes first, and the remaining amounts will be applied to toll service and other services at the Utility's discretion. (T)
10. New applicants for telephone service will be advised of the availability of ULTS. Applicants who wish to re-establish ULTS service after removal from the program will be treated as a new applicant, subject to the Application Process and General Order 153 rules, and a Service Conversion Charge as shown in RATES above (once the applicant has successfully re-established ULTS service). The ULTS discount will be effective on the Application Date, and not be applied retroactively to the date of prior enrollment period. (T)
- ULTS subscribers must notify the Utility of any change that causes the ULTS customer to no longer qualify for (1) ULTS, or (2) a second ULTS line. Upon receipt of notification, the Utility will change ULTS to regular tariffed rates and charges for the services furnished. No service conversion charges shall be billed to the customer for this change in service. The regular tariffed rates will be billed retroactively to the date the ULTS service no longer applied. The three-month limitation to back-bill, as set forth in Rule No. 9, is not applicable to the recurring and nonrecurring charges. If reduced service connection charges were applied, the difference between reduced charges and regular tariffed charges will be billed to the applicant. (T)
11. The California LifeLine Administrator will qualify new ULTS customers and verify the continued eligibility of existing ULTS customers. (T)

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12. Toll-free access is available to customer service representatives fluent in the same language in which the Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) was originally sold.
13. Each ULTS customer is subject to the annual renewal process. (T)
14. The Utility will annually mail a notification of availability of Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) to all its residential customers. (T)
15. In addition to the rates and conditions specified herein, all rules, regulations, charges, and rates in conjunction with the services furnished elsewhere in the tariffs are also applicable to the service provided under this schedule.
16. Optional services and equipment are not included in ULTS rates, but will be provided to ULTS customers at applicable tariffed rates and charges.
17. ULTS rates shall be applied to each monthly statement for the months this service is furnished and shall apply only for the duration of this service.

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18. Definitions covered under the California LifeLine Program and words used throughout this Schedule are defined in GO153. (N)
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19. Each ULTS customer shall be eligible for one or two ULTS lines as set forth in General Order 153, and ULTS customers may subscribe to additional non-ULTS lines. Non-ULTS lines will be available to ULTS customers at the applicable regular tariffed rates and charges.

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DEFINITIONS

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Basic Service: Includes the following 23 service elements; 18 of which are defined in D.96-10-066, Appendix B page 5. Service element 19 was added in accordance with Resolution T-18546. Service elements 20 through 23 were added in accordance with D.05-12-013, Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) aka (California LifeLine Service).

1. access to single party local exchange service;
2. access to all interexchange carriers offering service to customers in a local exchange;
3. ability to place calls;
4. ability to receive free unlimited incoming calls;
5. free touch-calling dialing;
6. free and unlimited access to 9-1-1/E9-1-1;
7. access to local directory assistance (DA);
8. access to foreign Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs);
9. ULTS rates and charges for eligible customers;
10. customer choice of flat or measured rate service (if measured service is offered);
11. free provision of one directory listing per year as provided for in D.96-02-072;
12. free white pages telephone directory;
13. access to operator services;
14. voice grade connection to the public switched telephone network;
15. free access to 800 or 800-like toll free services;
16. one-time free blocking for information services and one time billing adjustments for charges incurred inadvertently, mistakenly, or that were unauthorized;
17. access to telephone relay service as provided for in PU Code §2881;
18. Toll-free access to customer service for information about ULTS, service activation, service termination, service repair and bill inquiries;
19. free access to California Relay Service (CRS) via 7-1-1 abbreviated dialing code;
20. Toll-free access to customer service representatives fluent in the same language (English and in non-English) in which ULTS was originally sold;
21. Free access for ULTS customers to toll-blocking service;
22. Free access for ULTS customers to toll-control service, but only if (i) the utility is capable of offering toll-control service, and (ii) the ULTS customer has no unpaid bill for toll service;
23. Access to two residential telephone lines if a low-income household with a disabled person requires both lines to access ULTS.

Battery Power:

BETRS: Basic Exchange Telephone Radio Service is a system whereby local exchange service is provided to the customer via radio channel rather than by cable facilities. The BETRS system consists of central office Digital Radio Carrier Station equipment, and Subscriber Units.

BETRS Digital Radio Carrier Station: A digital radio carrier station that may be located in the Central Office or at a remote site. The Digital Radio Carrier Station provides the interface between The central office equipment and the Subscriber Unit.

BETRS Subscriber Unit: Station equipment located at a customer's premises to provide a link between the Digital Radio Carrier Station and the customer's point of connection. The unit consists of an antenna, a radio transceiver, and a power converter with standby batteries.

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This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.

BORROWER NAME

The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.

PERIOD ENDING
December, 2013

BORROWER DESIGNATION
CA0526

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

☒ All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.

☐ There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report

Matthew Boos

3/31/2014

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	14,967,815	23,509,900	25. Accounts Payable	5,366,554	5,240,750
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	2,874,032	9,119,430	26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	235,943	234,000
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	19,146	19,402
b. Other Accounts Receivable	1,407,809	1,678,735	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	2,550,275	3,059,968
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	607,658	644,922	32. Income Taxes Accrued	1,205,275	1,795,287
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2,584,299	2,440,807	33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable	19,128	14,310	34. Other Current Liabilities	637,759	662,457
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	374		35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	10,014,952	11,011,864
6. Material-Regulated	223,823	296,794	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	15,701,115	21,753,824
8. Prepayments	146,194	199,510	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	842,819	147,446
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	29,185	
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	22,831,132	37,904,408	39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recaptured Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
2. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	2,829,274	3,166,616	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	16,573,119	21,901,270
3. Nonregulated Investments	536,500	317,200	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
4. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
5. Deferred Charges	48,092	48,269	48. Other Deferred Credits	(1,313,878)	(2,260,692)
6. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	3,413,866	3,532,085	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	(1,313,878)	(2,260,692)
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	108,058,365	118,723,645	51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed	853,780	853,780
9. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
10. Plant Under Construction	12,668,101	5,832,863	53. Treasury Stock		
11. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	80,777	80,777	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
12. Less Accumulated Depreciation	89,857,745	98,205,302	55. Other Capital		
13. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	30,949,498	26,431,983	56. Patronage Capital Credits		
14. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	31,066,523	36,362,254
	57,194,496	67,868,476	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	31,920,303	37,216,034
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	57,194,496	67,868,476

Total Equity = 54.84% of Total Assets

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		PERIOD ENDING	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		December, 2013	
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM		PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		6,457,496	6,958,988
2. Network Access Services Revenues		16,844,590	15,200,443
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		113,515	150,065
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		449,605	439,743
6. Uncollectible Revenues		4,062	10,659
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		23,861,144	22,738,580
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		3,885,337	3,820,964
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		1,952,779	2,236,242
10. Depreciation Expense		6,930,166	8,675,728
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense		1,168,320	1,198,367
13. Corporate Operations Expense		2,653,685	2,635,593
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		16,590,287	18,566,894
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		7,270,857	4,171,686
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes		568,156	298,729
18. Federal Income Taxes		2,006,902	1,080,893
19. Other Taxes		421,702	438,866
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		2,996,760	1,818,488
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		4,274,097	2,353,198
22. Interest on Funded Debt		673,869	587,271
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense		301	1,189
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		94,959	28,350
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		579,211	560,110
27. Nonoperating Net Income		2,842,328	5,864,685
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income		(50,740)	(346,383)
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		6,486,474	7,311,390
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		4,250,383	4,923,986
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		26,446,996	31,066,523
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		680,616	1,031,904
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		2,500,000	3,000,000
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		47,563	47,563
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		31,066,523	36,362,254
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		2,354,339	3,157,769
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		0.5304	0.5150
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		0.8452	0.9211
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		12.1988	14.0535
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		5.9447	5.2403

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OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		CA0526
INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.		PERIOD ENDED December, 2013
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	17,841,847
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2.	Net Income	7,311,390
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3.	Add: Depreciation	8,675,728
4.	Add: Amortization	0
5.	Other (Explain) Non Op Deprec / Amort of Discount / Def Tax / Misc Other	704,107
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	(164,698)
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	(72,971)
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	(53,493)
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	0
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(125,804)
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	(1,943)
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	614,710
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	16,887,026
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	4,818
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	256
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	5,837,844
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	(946,814)
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	0
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	(3,047,563)
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	1,848,541
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(3,830,042)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	(118,042)
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	0
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(3,948,084)
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	14,787,483
30.	Ending Cash	32,629,330

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To the Board of Directors
The Ponderosa Telephone Co.
O'Neals, California

We have audited the financial statements of The Ponderosa Telephone Co. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2013.

Professional standards and the Rural Development Utilities Program's (RDUP) Policy on Audits of RDUP Borrowers (7 CFR 1773.20) require the auditor to communicate certain matters to the board of directors. In addition to meeting the RDUP's requirements, the following comments regarding our responsibilities and results of our audit of the financial statements of The Ponderosa Telephone Co. for the year ended June 30, 2013, will assist you in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management is responsible.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

Our responsibility as described by professional standards and stated in our engagement letter, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of The Ponderosa Telephone Co. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters. We are also responsible for communicating matters required by law, regulation, agreement or other requirements applicable to the engagement to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our engagement letter.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies.

The significant accounting policies of the Company are described in footnotes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2013.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The only sensitive accounting estimates included in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013, relate to the estimates for depreciation, employee benefits and certain regulatory revenues. As part of our audit, we compared the Company's depreciation rates to average rates used within the telecommunications industry. We have also discussed with management the Company's long-range plant replacement plans and have determined the current depreciation rates to be consistent with those plans. We also compared the reporting of employee benefit accruals to information provided by the Company's actuary. See Notes 1 and 13 to the financial statements regarding the Company's revenue recognition policies and various regulatory proceedings.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Our independent auditor's report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters, and our separate letter to the board of directors all dated October 29, 2013, comment on other findings and recommendations.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit that individually or in the aggregate were of such significance that reference to the subject matter would have been made in our reports.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 29, 2013.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Company's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Company's auditor. However, these communications occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and to our knowledge our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors and management of the Company and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kwikley America LLP".

Colorado Springs, Colorado
October 29, 2013